RECORD OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CLINTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
DECEMBER 6, 1956
AT 83 SHANLY AVENUE

PRESENT AT MEETING:

Dr. Gertrude Ash, Tony Catena, Bert Cohe, Violet Cruder, Florence & Sol Fanshel, Dan Feldberg, Magda Finn, Florence Gaynor, Rev. Curtis Gayer, Robert Godwin, Grace Golat, Edward Hall, Stanley Hallett, John E. Hughes, Mrs. Samuel Illingworth, Alberta & John Lacey, Julia & Isidore Lippman, Leona Newman, Sonia Orden, Olga Russell, Horace Thomas, Father Frank Weiler, Helen & Stanley Winters.

COURT VICTORY AGAINST ZONING VARIANCE

Olga Russel and the members of the Shanly Avenue Ass'n. were presented with a cake by the board. Stan Winters, chairman, expressed our appreciation for their successful opposition to an appeal by rooming house owners to change the zoning laws. Olga pointed out that this case, the second on a national level, serves to maintain the residential character of neighborhoods. In response to a specific question concerning a 16 room home on So. 13th Street, that will be placed on the market due to a death, she said that Mr. Weiss, City Attorney, had stated that large homes on Nairn & Clinton Places would be permitted to convert to 2 family dwellings or keep one or two roomers, if hardship were pleaded. She assumed this would apply to the house in question. She pointed out that a variance would have to be obtained and the neighbors would have their say.

SO. 13th and SO. 14th STREETS

"What can be done about So. 13th & So. 14th Street in view of the existence of Steiner's Catering Establishment?" was discussed, since it has created various nuisance, and since Mr. Steiner was intent on extending his property, although his initial request was rejected. Concern was expressed about what would happen to adjacent buildings, one of which he owns. He had already built a shed to house a truck.

It was agreed that an association be set up of the residents of So. 13th & So. 14th Sts. to maintain standards. An initial meeting will be called by Stan Hallett, Dr. Ash, Dr. Susserman, and Bob Godwin to which Mr. Weiss, City Attorney, and some member of the Zoning Board will be invited.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE ON ZONING

It was agreed that we should hold a Neighborhood Conference at South Side to which

Mr. Hoover and other city agencies concerned with zoning would be invited to explain the existing zoning laws. No definite date was set. We also agreed that a letter should be sent to the Newark News on zoning.

ZONING VIOLATIONS

A committee consisting of John Hughes, Bob Godwin, Julia Lippman, with Florence Gainor and Horace Thomas as alternates was appointed to transmit to the building inspector complaints received from individuals or street associations on zoning violations where street associations do not exist or do not wish to process them themselves. A question on existing violations on Shanley Avenue was referred to the Shanley Avenue Ass'n. While the autonomy of the street associations was stressed, the value of concerted action by the Council was emphasized.

TEACHER SHORTAGE

Charles Allen, representing the Newark Teachers' Union, told us of the deterioration in our educational set-up. Recruitment of teachers is almost impossible. There are about half the number of teacher candidates to the jobs available. Candidates take multiple community exams and tend to go where salaries are higher. He suggested we send a letter to the Board of Education and the City Council pointing out that one way of meeting teacher shortage is to raise salaries to meet the competition of other communities. It was indicated that Newark is contributing $2,2832,000 less to our schools and State aid received is over $4,000,000.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

A committee on Education was propsed and it was agreed that the committee draft a letter as suggested above. The letter would contain other material as outlined on fact sheet. Committee consists of Sol Fanshel, Frank Weiter, Julia Lippman, Olga Russell, Sonia Orden and Leona Newman. The committe was authorized to augment itself with other interested community people. A copy of the letter after it is checked by Stan Winters, is to go to the press and to Councilman Coper.

RECREATION

Stan Hallett reported the Food Fair has backed out of its attempt to buy the former Children's Home property, whose building is being torn down by the Child Care Ass'n. as a hazard.

If Clinton Hill is picked as an area for rehabilitation under Section 220 of the F.H.A, this would give us leverage in our request for a recreation center.

It was pointed out that economically it would be sounder for the city to purchase the area for about $75 to $90,000 than to expend $300,000 for added police coverage.

OUR GOAL

A new community recreation area, well landscaped and well staffed, to include a swimming pool and other indoor and outdoor facilities for all age levels.

It was suggested we reconstitute the Recreation Committee and that they come back to the next meeting with a plan of action, including securing the cooperation of other community organizations, a fact sheet on population data, community involvement, and publicity.

Committee to consist of the following plus any other qualified community people: Bob Godwin, Stan Hallett, Tim O'Brien, Frank Weiler, Carl Uehling, Helen Winters, Maier Deshall, Elsie Smith, Florence Gainer, Magda Finn and Grace Golat.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Golat

Grace Golat, Recorder